



East Coventry Times

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STAFF NOTES

A Message From The Police Department

As the seconds ticked away on New Year’s Eve 2023, people began to exit their homes in preparation for making all kinds of noise to usher in the New Year. Some were carrying pots and pans to bang about. Some had fireworks to light off. Others were simply getting ready to use their voices to yell “Happy New Year!” But one person decided to celebrate with a gun. When the clock struck 12, that person pointed the gun toward the sky and fired bullets into the air.



Inevitably, those bullets fell back to earth, and one struck a boy near his collarbone. The boy required surgery to remove the bullet. We might think him unfortunate to have been struck by that bullet, but this story could have been much worse if the bullet landed a few inches to the right.

We would like to remind the public that it is never okay to fire bullets into the air. It is dangerous and it is illegal. Some of the cardinal rules governing safe gun handling include always pointing the gun in a safe direction (up is not a safe direction), and always knowing the bullet’s back stop (the sky is not a back stop).

Under the law, the person who shoots a gun is responsible for whatever damage the bullet does, whether it was intentional or not. Even shooting a bullet into the ground can be dangerous as the bullet could ricochet off a rock and cause property damage, bodily injury or a fatality.

Bottom line is that the Township wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a prosperous New Year, but needs the public to know to never use a gun to celebrate, and never shoot a gun into the air. In the event you hear or see celebratory gunfire, we ask you to please promptly dial 911 to report it.

Website Update



Have you seen our updated website? We have a new look and a site full of easier-to-navigate features to help you quickly find the information you need. As with our former site, you can still make payments online (sewer, tax, ticket and permit fees), download permit applications, and view the community calendar. We have made it easier to locate information regarding road closures, important announcements and community information. Check it out at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.

Do you have photographs of East Coventry Township? We would love to use them on our new website! Please email submissions to info@eastcoventry-pa.gov.



In this issue we share news about upcoming events and other important information.

From our families here at East Coventry Township to yours, best wishes for the upcoming holidays and the happiest of New Years.

STAFF NOTES (continued)

Public Works Department



This Fall, Public Works will be trimming trees throughout the Township. Please be aware of Township employees when you see them working out on the road by slowing down and giving them room to safely work.

Please remember to not blow your leaves into the roads, ditches and storm drains as they can cause dangerous conditions for vehicles and may cause stormwater runoff issues. Also, please do not blow or shovel your snow onto the roads as it can cause dangerous or icy conditions for vehicles. Additionally, please do not place trash and recycling cans in the street as they interfere with emergency services and snow plowing.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas tree removal dates are scheduled for January 06 and 13, 2025. Please place your tree at the end of your property and be sure to remove all lights and ornaments.



Finance Department

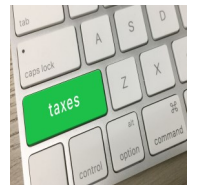


The Township's Sanitary Sewer Usage Fee is \$185 per quarter and is invoiced January 01, April 01, July 01, and October 01. We accept payments via cash, check or credit card. When paying by check, please write your property address on your check. Note that your sewer account number is the property address of the service connection. If you have a mortgage escrow account, please make sure your sewer payments are not going to the tax collector. Remember, if your water is shut off due to delinquent sewer payments, it can take up to 10 days for the water to get turned back on. To help avoid this, you can make payment arrangements by contacting Jill Barbera, Finance Director, at 610-495-5443 or via email at jbarbera@eastcoventry-pa.gov.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Message From The Tax Collector

If you have an adult over 18 years of age residing in your household who is not a high school or college student and who did not receive a 2024 Per Capita Tax Bill, please contact Missy King at 610-495-7667 or via email at ecoventrytaxcollector@outlook.com. Also, if you have an individual who received a 2024 Per Capita Bill who is no longer residing in your household, please contact her so that she can update your account. Please provide the name and address of the individuals affected.



A Message From The Code Official



We would like to remind residents who have on-lot septic systems of their responsibility to have their systems pumped and inspected a minimum of once every three years, as required by the Township Code. Later this Fall, the Township will be sending notices reminding them of this requirement and requesting that they submit proof of having their system pumped and inspected within the last three years. Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Cosentino, Code Official, by phone at 610-723-7740 or via email at mcosentino@barryisett.com.

Leaf Waste Recycling

The burning of leaf waste is prohibited in the Township. The Township Code defines leaf waste as "leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar material, but does not include grass clippings." Waste collectors must provide for the curbside collection of leaf waste at least twice per year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall, but may schedule collection of leaf waste more frequently. Please check with your waste collector for scheduled curbside collection dates.



COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

Report a Concern

To report a problem with State roads (such as a pothole, damaged sign, or tree in the road), submit a request via PennDOT's Customer Care Center at www.customercare.penndot.gov. To report emergencies on state roads, call 484-340-3200. State roads in East Coventry Township are: Bethel Church Road, East Cedarville Road (except for the portion between Sanatoga and Saylor's Mill Roads), Ellis Woods Road (south of Bethel Church Road), Linfield Road, New Schuylkill Road (Route 724), Ridge Road (Route 23), Sanatoga Road (south of Route 724) and Stoney Run Road.



To report downed wires, contact PECO at 800-841-4141. The Township cannot remove downed wires or wires hanging on trees.

To report animal carcasses on a State road, call PennDOT at 484-340-3200.

To report animal carcasses on a Township road, call the Pennsylvania Game Commission at 610-926-3136.

To report a concern on the Schuylkill River Trail, contact Chester County Parks and Preservation at 610-344-5656.

To report a concern on county-owned bridges (on Halteman Road between Ellis Woods and Kulp Roads and on Old Schuylkill Road), call the Chester County Facilities Department at 610-344-6220.

To report a complaint or concern regarding stormwater discharge or discharge into the sewer system, please contact the Township at 610-495-5443 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours and on weekends, submit the form on our website ([www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/Services/Stormwater Management/Stormwater Reporting](http://www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/Services/Stormwater%20Management/Stormwater%20Reporting)).

To report a violation or concern within the Township, complete a Violation/Complaint Form available at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov (via the Report A Concern box on the home page) or in person at the Township Building.

Tenancy Report Required

If you own a rental property in the Township, a Tenancy Report is required to be submitted to the Township every time a tenant moves in or out of your property. The form is available at the Township Building or www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.



Coventry Food Pantry



The Pantry is in constant need of jelly in plastic jars, peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, side dishes, cleaning supplies, paper products, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, diapers, wipes, 100% fruit juice boxes, small fruit cups in 100% juice, individual puddings, raisins, dried fruit, yogurt, fruit filled cereal bars, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, fruit snacks, crackers (peanut butter, cheese), pudding or Jell-O box mixes, and small bags of pretzels or gold fish. You may drop off items in the Township Building lobby. Your donations support families throughout the Owen J. Roberts School District.

Spring City Public Library Upcoming Events

10-Year Anniversary Open House

September 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 255 Broad Street, Spring City
Join the Spring City Library for cake and activities as it celebrates 10 years in its (new) building!



Elmwood Park Zoo at East Coventry Township

November 16 at 11:00 a.m. at 855 Ellis Woods Road, Pottstown

Spring City Public Library is the proud recipient of an Elmwood Park Zoo jaguar sculpture celebrating the Zoo's centennial. Join the Library and the Zoo for a morning with animals at the East Coventry Township Building.

COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

Ridge Fire Company

19th Annual Community Day
September 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., 480 Ridge Road, Spring City

Activities include a live burn, rescue demonstration, spray the hose, tours of the trucks, a medical helicopter, and food and drinks.



Reflective Address Markers

“Mailbox Markers” measure 6 inches wide by 18 inches high. “House Markers” measure 14 inches wide by 5 inches high. The signs are \$15 each. More information and forms to order the address markers are available on the Ridge Fire Company website: (www.ridgefirecompany.com). You can also phone in your request at 610-495-6063.

Fire Police Services

If your organization needs the assistance of the Fire Police for an upcoming special event, please fill out a Special Fire Police Services Application, which can be found at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov, or stop by the Township Building.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Historical Commission Volunteers Needed



The Historical Commission is seeking volunteers for the Oral History Committee. Although much of our history comes from research of various historical archives such as government records and newspapers, oral histories make our records come alive. Oral histories record local residents’ memories of everyday family life and special events. If interested, please submit an Application for Volunteer Position, available at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov and the Township Building to info@eastcoventry-pa.gov.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Go For a Walk

Fall is a beautiful time to go explore the trails and open spaces of the Township. Whether you are looking for wide open spaces to run or trails that wind through woods, farmlands, wetlands, and creeks, you are sure to find the perfect spot to spend the day. Ellis Woods Park includes 71 acres of woods, meadows, wetlands, and cultivated farmland adjacent to the Township Building. The East Coventry Nature Preserve consists of 77 acres and allows residents walking, biking and horseback riding opportunities, as well as the chance to explore many natural habitats. Walks here will take you past historic farms and a 19th century schoolhouse. The Nature Preserve also has scenic views and picnic spots available for use.



Across Schoolhouse Road the Nature Preserve trails connect to a one-mile trail, which is located on private property. As the Schoolhouse Trail and several other trails cross private property, please be respectful of the landowners’ private property by staying on the marked trails, obeying no trespassing signs, and carrying out all trash and dog waste.

The Township is fortunate to have such beautiful parks and trails. As the Township grows its trail system, safety is a priority. Earlier this year, crosswalks were installed on Schoolhouse Road and Maack Road to provide safe crossings for trail users. Please be observant of these crossings and slow down. As always, no motorized vehicles (including electric bikes) are allowed on the trails.

PARKS AND RECREATION (continued)

Purple Martins at the East Coventry Nature Preserve



Purple martins typically breed in colonies, with dozens of martins nesting in the same spot. They prefer open areas near water and like to feast on dragonflies. In late Summer/early Fall, they migrate south as far as South America. In Spring, they come back north to where they were born and raise their young. The Township is proud to announce that in the second year at the Nature Preserve, there was a very successful nesting season. Out of the 18 nesting spots offered, 12 were used. There were a total of 55 eggs with 38 young that fledged. If you have not seen them yet, stop by in the Spring and enjoy the aerial show.

Fall Festival at Fricks Lock Village October 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come out and join the fun for the final Fricks Lock Village tours of the 2024 season. The tours are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sit awhile (bring a chair or blanket) and listen to the music of The Down Home Band. Everyone can enjoy refreshments and the kids can try their hand at pumpkin decorating. Save the date. We hope to see you there!



Wreaths Across America December 14, at 12:00 p.m.

Local Scouting America Cub Pack 4 and Scout Troop 4 will again honor the Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery on Ellis Woods Road joining many other observations across the nation. In appreciation for all of our American Armed Forces, there will be a flag raising and the playing of Taps. The scouts, joined by representatives from each branch of our Armed Forces, will place wreaths on the graves of the 17 unknown Revolutionary soldiers interred at the Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery.

John Doyle Rock the Wall Run 2024

The Township would like to thank all who supported the John Doyle Rock the Wall 5K Walk/Run and 10K Run held on April 13. We especially thank the following sponsors and hope for their continued support next year. We hope to see you next year!

Artisan Land Company
Bagley Law, LLC
Barry Isett and Associates
Bowman Consulting Group
California Closets
Carroll Engineering Corporation
Chester Valley Engineers
Coventry Animal Hospital
Coventry Self Storage
Don Myers Auto Sales
Hansberry Enterprises
Karyn Betz Photography
Pence Countertops, Inc.
Pigeon Creek Dairy
Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation
Wisler Perlstein, LLP





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Be sure to visit www.eastcoventry-pa.gov
for Township news and activities!

Board of Supervisors

Ray Kolb, Chair
Anthony Duffy, Vice Chair
Michael Albert Moyer, Member
W. Atlee Rinehart, Member
Catharine Small, Member



Dates to Remember

Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors
Second Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission
Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Parks, Recreation and
Conservation Committee**
Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Open Space Committee (Quarterly)
November 06 at 7:00 p.m.

All Township meetings are held at the Township Building,
unless otherwise noted.

Township Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 4:30 p.m.

Closed on the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving, November 28 and 29
- Christmas, December 24 and 25
- New Year's Day, January 01
- Martin Luther King Day, January 20
- Presidents' Day, February 17

SANTA IS COMING TO THE RIDGE FIREHOUSE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08

CRAFTS: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

GAMES: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

SANTA ARRIVES AT 3:30 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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